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Ghana's government provides embarked on a decentralization process because the 1980s, but devolution of the health system faces important difficulties and weaknesses. However, important weaknesses remain regarding many of the main element requirements to effective decentralization. Ghana has produced significant progress, and several building blocks for a devolved wellness system have been put in place. Ghana offers along the years set up several important blocks for a really decentralized health system. Political instability and the resulting insufficient continuity and consistency along the way during the majority of the period have also prevented the process to take root, and also have contributed to the current fragmentation in medical system. But these efforts have already been hampered, and their efficiency diminished, by the lack of a solid regulatory and policy framework for health, regulatory conflicts and duplications accumulated by several waves of regulations, poor capability to coordinate and take care of a devolved health system, fragmented management systems regarding staff management, procurement and budgeting and funding. International comparisons suggest that Ghana displays a narrow effective decision space with respect to most health functions and sub-functions when compared with several other developing countries. it is also useful for various other middle- and low-income countries which are seeking some type of decentralization of their wellness system to improve its efficiency and effectiveness. This study analyzes the strengths and weaknesses of the decentralization of the Ghanaian health system and presents a few recommendations and approaches for strengthening the process. It is relevant and timely as the GOG seeks to strengthen and deepen decentralization of the health system; However, taking advantage of the structures and features that have been put in place, strengthening the plan framework, making sure effective coordination, and addressing the weaknesses highlighted above, could make decentralization of medical system far better and consistent with GOG general policy.



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